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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior arts discloses a filter assembly comprising a vessel and a filter element wherein a rib protruding from the bag ring sidewall with the rib fitting into a groove in the vessel sidewall so as to secure the filter element in the vessel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh-Chau T. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-1163. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 7:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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